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Case No. 659/787

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Price et al.

Serial No: 09/855,200

Examiner: Reichle, Karin M.

Filed: May 14, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3761

For: ABSORBENT GARMENT  
HAVING A BODY CONFORMING  
ABSORBENT COMPOSITE

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

Applicant is:  
 a small entity, verified statement is:  
 attached  
 already filed  
 other than small entity

- The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:
  - Attached is a check for the § 1.17(e) fee.
  - Charge the § 1.17(e) fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.  
A duplicate copy of this request is attached.
- A submission must be filed along with this request. The following submission(s) is(are) filed herewith:
  - An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
  - New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability
  - Request for Amendment of Drawings
  - Return receipt postcard
- A petition and fee for an extension of the time is enclosed herewith.
- A check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee for a one (1) month extension of time is enclosed.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 2/3/04



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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Check for \$770 for the RCE fee; Check for \$110 for a one (1) month extension of time fee; Request for Continued Examination (in duplicate); Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 CFR § 1.136(a))(in duplicate); Amendment to October 3, 2003 Office Action and Advisory Action mailed December 17, 2003; Request for Amendment of Drawings; Fourteen (14) formal drawing replacement sheets; and Return receipt postcard.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

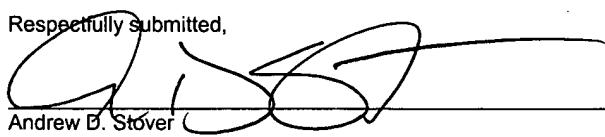
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- A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request approval by the Examiner of the drawing amendments shown in the enclosed replacement figures. In particular, Applicants have provided additional reference lines and corrected various informalities noted by the Examiner. Applicants

Drawings  
Approved  
Examiner

respectfully request the Examiner's approval of the above-mentioned drawing amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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